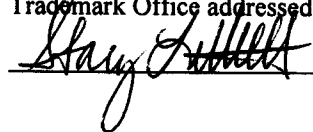


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Replacement drawings follow.